

Introduced by Senator Machado

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111—Relative to California Cancer Survivors Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 111, as introduced, Machado. California Cancer Survivors Day.

This measure would proclaim the first Sunday of June 2006 and in each year thereafter, as California Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with National Cancer Survivors Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute, an
2 estimated 10.1 million Americans are living with a cancer
3 history. Some of these individuals are cancer-free, while others
4 still have evidence of cancer and may be undergoing treatment;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society, California
7 Division, approximates that nearly 950,000 Californians who are
8 alive today have a history of cancer, and nearly 590,000 were
9 diagnosed five or more years ago; and

10 WHEREAS, Anyone is at risk for developing some form of
11 cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation
13 defines survivor as anyone living with a history of cancer, from
14 the moment of diagnosis through the remaining years of life; and

15 WHEREAS, This year, about 136,875 Californians will be
16 diagnosed as having cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 79,000 Californians who will get
2 cancer this year will be alive five years after diagnosis; and

3 WHEREAS, Improved and early detection and treatment
4 allows more people with cancer to live longer and with a better
5 quality of life than ever before; and

6 WHEREAS, Nevertheless, it must be recognized that cancer is
7 a life-altering experience not solely for the individual, but for
8 family members, friends, and caregivers; and

9 WHEREAS, Emotional, physical, and financial hardships are
10 common occurrences that individuals and their extended
11 communities endure years after diagnosis; and

12 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize and educate
13 communities about the organizations and agencies available to
14 survivors and their families and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, it is imperative that recognition,
16 reflection, and celebration of this extraordinary feat take place
17 for all those impacted by this life-altering experience; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the first
21 Sunday of June 2006 and in each year thereafter, as California
22 Cancer Survivors Day, to coincide with National Cancer
23 Survivors Day; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
25 this resolution to the Governor.